

HISTORY

CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION VS. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Over the past several years policing in Milwaukee, as well as for the rest of the country, has returned to a pro-active mode rather than reactive posture. The difference between the two is analyzing, planning, and implementing before a loss is suffered and another statistic is added to the Uniform Crime Report. Whereas, The City of Milwaukee also recognized that crime prevention must be a long-term, full-scale effort aimed at reducing and preventing crime.

April 13, 1984, the Milwaukee's Crime Prevention Division is authorized by Common Council Ordinance File No. 83-2239-A. It states in part that the Fire and Police Commission shall establish a crime prevention program within the police department. That further, a special committee on crime prevention shall be established to provide information, data, and other assistance that may be necessary for the development of an effective crime prevention program.

The Milwaukee Police Department Community Services Division was created in 1985 (Crime Prevention Bureau) with the responsibility of directing and coordinating crime prevention activities in the City of Milwaukee. In the beginning, the objective of the Crime Prevention Division was:

1. The establishment of block watch and neighborhood groups was the primary goal of crime prevention.
2. Implementation of "Operation Identification." Marking valuable with your drivers' license number, or other identifying marks.

Since home owners/renters had ties to the community areas in which they live, it was imperative that they become aware of potential crime problems and the methods to combat crime.

To achieve this goal, the Crime Prevention Division educated and increased the awareness of the citizens of Milwaukee through the programs it presented.

January 8, 1985, Order No. 8965, Robert J. Ziarnik Chief of Police

Page 5, Sub-caption POLICE ACADEMY, of the position responsibilities manual:

The Police Academy shall also maintain a Crime Prevention Unit to direct and coordinate crime prevention activities. The unit shall develop support from the community, organized community groups and other individuals and agencies in an effort to reduce crime and enhance police/community relations.

The unit shall further coordinate requests for speakers, assist in the development of sufficient personnel to carry out speech assignments and shall attend to such other matters pertaining to their duties as may be prescribed by the Chief of Police.

ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL 2/25/1985 – 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, 12 Police Officers assigned to Crime Prevention Bureau expected to perform crime prevention duties in Districts Five and Seven. When not assigned to specific crime prevention activities, they performed normal police duties the districts to which they were assigned (See Attachment #1).

Section 3 of Rule 2, (Sub-caption POLICE ACADEMY) of the Rules and Regulations is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs: The Police Academy shall also maintain a Crime Prevention Unit to direct and coordinate crime prevention activities. The unit shall develop support from the community, organized community groups and other individuals and agencies in an effort to reduce crime and enhance police/community relations.

The unit shall further coordinate requests for speakers, assist in the development of sufficient personnel to carry out speech assignments and shall attend to such other matters pertaining to their duties as may be prescribed by the Chief of Police.

December 16, 1988, Order No. 9992, Robert J. Ziarnik Chief of Police

Rule 2, page 6, Number 3(b) of Rules and Regulations:

The Crime Prevention Division, which shall be responsible for developing support from the community, organized community groups, and other individuals and agencies in an effort to reduce crime and enhance police/community relations. This division shall further coordinate requests for speakers; assist in the development of sufficient personnel to carry out speech assignments; develop and deliver timely crime prevention training programs; and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chief of Police.

May 21, 1993, Order No. 10735, Phillip Arreola, Chief of Police

Rule 2, Page 6, Number 3(b) of Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Crime Prevention Division is deleted in its entirety and recreated to read as follows:

3(b)/ Community Services Division which is responsible for the management of activities related to crime prevention and police-community relations services.

February 24, 1994, Memorandum No. 95-26, Phillip Arreola, Chief of Police

Effective Sunday, February 26, 1994, the Community Services Division has the responsibility of recruiting qualified candidates for employment by the Milwaukee Police Department.

February 26, 1999 Memorandum No. 99-37, Arthur L. Jones, Chief of Police
Effective immediately, Crime Prevention Officers shall be referred to as
Community Liaison Officers, to better reflect their duties and responsibilities.

As of today's date, November 14, 2005; there are 14 positions designated at Community Liaison Officers; 2 officers per District Station. No special emphasis has ever been given to the officers assigned to Community Services Division, therefore the officer's retained the original title of Crime Prevention Officers (**See Attachment 2**).